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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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SUBJECT: PEKING NOTES MNLA ANNIVERSARY

1. NCNA FEB 3 CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM VOICE OF MALAYAN  
REVOLUTION (VMR) EDITORIAL ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
MALAYAN LIBERATION ARMY. THE SAME DAY NCNA ALSO CARRIED A  
VMR REPORT ON "NEW VICTORIES" WON BY THE MNLA AGAINST " THE  
ENEMIES ENCIRCLEMENT AND SUPPRESSION CAMPAIGNS."

2. LAST YEAR NCNA PUBLISHED SIMILAR ARTICLES ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE MNLA ANNIVERSARY. THE CURRENT EDITORIAL AS EXCERPTED  
APPEARS TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE SANITIZED THAN THAT OF LAST YEAR.  
THE EXCERPTS IDENTIFY THE "ENEMY" ONLY AS "IMPERIALISM AND  
ITS LACKEYS." UNLIKE LAST YEAR THERE IS NO DIRECT REFERENCE  
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TO "U.S. IMPERIALISM." AGAIN THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO MAO OR

CHINA, ALTHOUGH THE EDITORIAL EXHORTS THE PEOPLE TO STUDY THE THEORIES " OF THE REVOLUTIONARY TEACHERS ON PEOPLE'S WAR."

3. THE EXCERPTS CONTAIN WHAT WE BELIEVE IS PEKIN'S FIRST REFERENCE TO MCP LEADER CHIN PENG IN MANY YEARS (POSSIBLY SINCE THE 1950'S). THERE ARE ALSO NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO STRENGTHENING UNITY IN THE PARTY AND TO STRUGGLING AGAINST "WORDS AND DEEDS THAT HARM AND SABOTAGE UNITY." IF REPORTS DURING THE PAST YEAR OF SERIOUS DISSENSION WITHIN THE MCP ARE CORRECT, NCNA'S REPORT SUGGESTS THAT PEKING IS BACKING CHIN PENG'S LEADERSHIP. PRESUMABLY CHIN HAS BEEN WILLING TO ADJUST TO AND ACCEPT CHINA'S POLICY OF IMPROVING ITS STATE RELATIONS WITH KUALA LUMPUR AND LOWERING ITS IDENTITY WITH THE MCP.  
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